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SUBJECT: RESCUE OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES

1. THE MFA DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS (HORAM) DISCUSSED WITH US JUNE 13 THE CASE OF THE 76 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES WHO WERE PICKED UP BY THE ISRAELI FREIGHTER YUVALI ON JUNE 10 OFF THE VIETNAMESE COAST. HE SAID THE VESSEL IS ISRAELI OWNED AND HAS AN ISRAELI CREW, ALTHOUGH IT FLIES A LIBERIAN FLAG. THE VESSEL IS ENROUTE TO TAIWAN AND IS DUE AT CHILONG JUNE 14. THE SHIP'S OWNERS ARE NOT SURE THE REFUGEES WILL BE ACCEPTED ON TAIWAN BUT HORAM POINTED OUT THAT THE VESSEL DOES NOT HAVE ADEQUATE FOOD AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THEM FOR A LONG VOYAGE.

2. HORAM SAID THE MFA HAS CABLED THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND INSTRUCTED IT TO ADVISE THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES OF THE RESCUE AND TO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT, IF NECESSARY, THE U.S. WOULD HELP TO FIND A SOLUTION. THE ISRAELI MISSION IN GENEVA WAS ALSO INSTRUCTED TO INFORM THE U.N. HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES AND TO SEEK HIS HELP IN FINDING A SOLUTION. THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING THE RESUCE WITH US, HORAM SAID, WAS TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASK US TO SEND A FOLLOW UP MESSAGE TO SAY THAT THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES WOULD APPRECIATE PRIOR COORDINATION IN TAIWAN TO WHICH OUR EMBASSY THERE COULD LEND ITS ASSISTANCE IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE ANY DELAY IN THE ADMISSION OF THE REFUGEES TO TAIWAN. LEWIS

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